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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the violations of the cease-fire provisions and of the terms governing the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side during the period from 3 to 31 March 1994.

3 March 1994

At 0730 hours, a patrol boat flying the Iranian flag was observed coming from the sea in the direction of Abadan harbour with three military personnel on board.

4 March 1994

At 1200 hours, an ambulance carrying a group of some 20 to 30 persons from the Iranian side was seen heading towards the Iranian post at coordinates 605634 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah). They proceeded to dig positions in the above location, inside the area of separation.

5 March 1994

The Iranian side proceeded to erect a radio aerial at coordinates 003042 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), inside the area of separation.

6 March 1994

At 0950 hours, the Iranian side proceeded to erect a new aerial at coordinates 003042 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), inside the area of separation.

8 March 1994

At 0900 hours, an Iranian patrol boat was observed putting to sea from Abadan harbour with three civilians on board. At 1000 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

8 March 1994

At 0940 hours, an Iranian patrol boat was observed putting to sea from Abadan harbour with four persons on board.

9 March 1994

At 1000 hours, the Iranian side installed a 14.5-millimetre single-barrel machine-gun and its two-man complement at the Iranian position inside the area of separation at coordinates 909788 (1:100,000 map of Tahiri), opposite the Iraqi armed forces.

9 March 1994

At 1010 hours, an Iranian helicopter overflew the Naft Khaneh station and hovered at low altitude over the pumping station, the wells, the water-storage tank and the office building. At 1015 hours, the helicopter returned to the Iranian rear following the same course in a zigzag fashion.

9 March 1994

At 1030 hours, an Iranian helicopter coming from the Iranian rear was observed at coordinates 004365 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin) inside the area of separation. It flew at low altitude along the boundary line opposite the Iraqi Faruq post, 2 kilometres from the international boundary line. At 1040 hours, the aircraft returned to the Iranian rear.

11 March 1994

At 1411 hours, Iranian forces proceeded to bombard the Wadi Shawr area 15 kilometres west of the Raniyah district using dozens of short-range rockets. The bombardment caused major damage to a number of Iraqi villages and set fire to nearby forests.

Night of 11 March 1994

The Iranian armed forces bombarded with tube-launchers the villages of Duri, Nuruddin, Gira and Balinah to the south-west of Qal'at Dizah and some 10 to 15 kilometres inside Iraqi territory. The bombardment caused the destruction of a number of dwellings and the displacement of the inhabitants further inside Iraqi territory.

14 March 1994

At 0700 hours, a group of some 10 persons from the Iranian side was seen inside the area of separation carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers at coordinates 503533 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris) opposite the Iraqi Fakkah post.

14 March 1994

At 0730 hours, two groups from the Iranian side of some 30 soldiers each and each accompanied by a white ambulance were seen inside the area of separation digging and searching behind the Iranian Tawus post (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah). One of the groups then headed towards the Iranian rear opposite the Iraqi armed forces at the above coordinates and also proceeded to dig and search inside the area of separation.

16 March 1994

At 0730 hours, two groups from the Iranian side of some 30 soldiers each were seen inside the area of separation digging and searching behind the Iranian Tawus post at coordinates 582388 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah). One of the groups then headed towards the Iranian rear opposite the Iraqi armed forces at coordinates 582399 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah) and also proceeded to dig and search inside the area of separation.

17 March 1994

At 0955 hours, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear opposite the Iraqi Hammad Shihab post at coordinates 000694 (1:100,000 map of Tib). It then flew inside the area of separation parallel to the boundary. At 1005 hours, it landed inside Iranian territory. It returned to the Iranian rear 50 minutes later.

19 March 1994

At 1000 hours, a group of individuals from the Iranian side proceeded to build an observation post of sandbags roofed with corrugated iron inside the area of separation to the left of the Iranian Jawid Shah post opposite the Iraqi Sumud post at coordinates 488542 (1:100,000 map of Mandali).

23 March 1994

At 1100 hours, a group of some seven persons from the Iranian side was observed inside the area of separation carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers at coordinates 514501 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris).

26 March 1994

At 0900 hours, an Iranian fibreglass patrol boat with two persons wearing civilian clothing on board approached an Iraqi fishing boat at coordinates 058660 (1:100,000 map of Saybah) to the south of Umm al-Rasas Island and proceeded to question the Iraqi fishermen. At 0910 hours, the Iranian boat withdrew in the direction of the Karun River.

27 March 1994

At 1445 hours, individuals from the Iranian side at the three newly manned positions inside the area of separation at coordinates 005740 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) in the area opposite the Kiska slope proceeded to fire a number of

bursts from a single-barrel machine-gun in the direction of the Iraqi armed forces and into the air.

28 March 1994

At 1900 hours, the Iranian side fired four bursts in the direction of the Iraqi armed forces and into the air from a Dimitrov 14.5-millimetre single-barrel machine-gun that had been installed on the same day opposite the Harran post at coordinates 571405 (1:100,000 map of Mandali), inside the area of separation.

29 March 1994

At 0700 hours, two military personnel from the Iranian side were observed inside the area of separation at coordinates 008508 (1:100,000 map of Khazinah) opposite the Jallat post monitoring forward units of the Iraqi armed forces.

Night of 30 March 1994

Iranian boats abducted the Iraqi fishermen Yusuf Abd Ja'far, Mishtaq Yasir Abd and Samir Hamid Zuwayd, residents of the Abu al-Khasib district, while they were fishing in the area of Umm al-Rasas Island opposite the Karun River in the Shatt al-Arab and took them and the boat they were using to the Iranian side.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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